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**IN THE
UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Maxwell et al.

CASE: 57640.010274

EXTENSION OF TIME

SERIAL NO.: 10/709,377

FILED ON: 04/30/2004

FOR: RACK AND PINION WHEEL DRIVE
FOR AN INDUSTRIAL SLIDING BLADE DAMPER

ATTENTION OF:
Group Art Unit 3751
EXAMINER:
Andrew J. Rost

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 502428.

This is in response to the Office Action, mailed August 24, 2005, in the above-identified patent application. Applicant respectfully requests an extension of the period for response to the pending office action, for one month, from November 24, 2005, up to and including December 27, 2005, including the final intervening weekend and federal holiday.

Applicant respectfully submits that a shortened statutory period of three months was originally set for response, ending November 24, 2005, and that this application is not involved in an interference proceeding. Applicant submits herewith the one month large entity extension of time fee of \$120.00.

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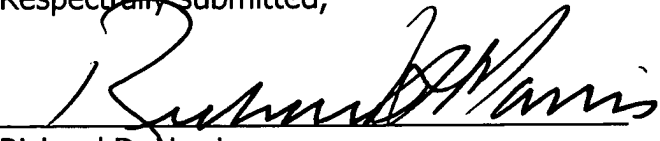
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Acceptance of the present request for extension of time to respond to the pending office action is respectfully solicited.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned at (312) 476-5019 is respectfully requested.

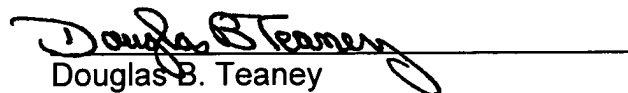
Dated: 12/23/05

Respectfully submitted,


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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Extension of Time is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on 12-23, 2005.


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